

## **CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**

### **Arts Commission MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** August 25, 2015

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

#### **Arts Commission Members Present:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dane Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/> Jhoanna Whyte
<input type="checkbox"/> Alistair Christopherson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Justin	
<input type="checkbox"/> Erik Christopherson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Salmon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sybil Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine Wendland	

Aliistar, Erik and Sybil are excused, Jhoanna is unexcused.

#### **Staff Present:**

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor

#### **Guests Present:**

Dan Matthews, Kidder Matthews Real Estate, BEDP

Gary Tarbox, Pacific NW Railroad Archive

Bob Edgar, Burien City Council

Matt Wendland, BEDP

Andrea Reay, Discover Burien, BEDP

#### **Minutes**

Meeting called to order. July 28, 2015 minutes are approved as amended.

#### **Space and Arts Development Discussion**

Dan Matthews from Kidder-Matthews discussed current real estate development in Burien and how the arts organizations have helped encourage the development of market rate apartments. The increase in density in the downtown core will only help attendance at arts events. There is also the hope of Burien attracting companies needing office space, as Burien has so many things going for it: good location, parking, etc. Dane brought up the lack of light industrial spaces in Burien that artists need for studio spaces. A discussion ensued about the use of old school buildings and public/private assets. Dan Matthews spoke to investing in Burien's economic engine to help the arts and heritage organizations.

Gary Tarbox of the Pacific Northwest Railroad Archive shared information about the non-profit located on 153<sup>rd</sup>. The Archive is a consortium of five non-profits and they house information going back to the 1880's. Their mission is to make information about the railroads, as well as the cities the railroads affected, accessible on the web.

The commissioners and BEDP members discussed the possibility of a social gathering for all the board and commission members. Staff will look into this.

Andrea Reay spoke about Discover Burien and the role it plays in the city. Discover Burien is a nonprofit organization that has served the city for over 15 years. With over 300 members they are similar to a chamber of commerce and/or board of tourism. They work to provide support to area businesses both big and small.

### **Area of Focus Reports**

**Education**—Staff reported on the current state of the Cultural Access Fund. At this time the fund has been approved by the State and it is up to the Counties to take it to a vote to see if tax money can be generated to fund the initiative. Funding would provide money to schools to bus students to arts facilities and performances, as well as provide some funding to the arts organizations to provide more programming for students.

**Public Art**—Staff shared research that has been done on how area cities provide funding for public art. Commissioners asked that staff find out more information on what to prepared for in regards to the November 23<sup>rd</sup> conversation with Council about the 1% for Public Art Fund.

**Summit**—the summit discussion was tabled until the September meeting when more commissioners will be present.

**Arts Commission 2015 Meeting Schedule**—Commissioners discussed not meeting in November and December. The Commissioners will vote on this proposal at September meeting.

### **Staff Report**

**Arts-a-Glow**—A grant was received from the Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWa) for \$2,400 to help fund the artist installations at the Arts-a-Glow Lantern Festival.

**Summer Events**—Attendance was strong at this Music in the Park this summer. The Lake Burien series averaged 500-700 per concert, and the North SeaTac Park series averaged 75-150 per concert. The new Movie in the Park night, showing films made locally for the UFO festival had an attendance of around 150.

**Moshier Art Center Repairs**—The Moshier Art Center will be undergoing exterior repairs and improvements over the next month or so. The building will be painted and have repairs made to roofing, skylights, and new doors at the back entrance. Staff has written a Facilities Grant to 4 Culture to have interior repairs done in 2016.

### **Additional items**

The meeting was adjourned.